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Applicants: Mondragon-Parra et al.)
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Attorney Docket No.: DP-309838)

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 14, 2006, received in the above application, Applicants request reconsideration of the rejections of dependent Claims 2 and 22 under 35 USC § 102(b).

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.